कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा) : (क) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान विकास के लिए निम्नलिखित परियोजनाएं विनिर्दिष्ट की गई हैं :

राज्य	जिला	खान
बिहार	देवघर	1. चिवा
	धनबाद	2. लखीमाता
	गोदृदा	3. डुरा सी
प० बंगाल	बर्द्धवान	4. नकराकोंडा (पुनर्गठन)
		5. तिकलाबोनी (पुनर्गठन)
		6. चापुई खास
		7. गोरंगडीह ओ.का."बी"
		8. जोनपुर, ओ.का."बी"
		9. शकर पुर
		10. कुमारडीह
		11 नावा कजोरा
		12. रग मति
		13. घुसिक
		14. बसारा
		15. बोम्बानास

(ख) योजना आयोग ने ई०को०लि० के लिए आठवीं योजना के अंतिम वर्ष तक 38.50 मि०टन कोयले के उत्पादन का लक्ष्य अनुमोदित किया है ।

(ग) से (ङ) ईस्टर्न कोल फील्ड्स लि० में अगले 4–5 वर्षों की अवधि तक चरण-बद्ध रूप में 5 भूमिगत खानें (भू०ग०) तथा 6 ओपनकास्ट खानों (ओ०का०) को बंद करने के लिए विनिर्दिष्ट कर लिया है, इनमें से ई०को०लि० की 2 ओ०का० खानों को बंद कर दिया गया है । बंद किए जाने के लिए विनिर्दिष्ट की गई इन खानों से 1.050 मि०टन का उत्पादन किया था ।

Increase in ash content of raw coal feed to Coal India Limited washeries

1791. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the average ash content of raw coal feed to CIL washeries has been increasing;

(b) if so, the details and reasons thereof;

(c) the year-wise average of ash content of raw coal feed to each of the CIL washeries during the last three years;

(d) the year-wise ash content in the output of each of these washeries; and

(e) the prices charged by these washeries from its customers for coal containing different levils range of ash content?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The coking coal seams having low ash have been mined in past several years and the reserves of such coal seams is gradually getting reduced. Therefore, coking coal is now being

obtained from coal seams which have higher ash content. The ash content in raw coal feed to CIL washeries has, therefore, marginally increased.

(c) and (d) The information is furnished below:

Average Weighted Ash Percentage

Source	1991-92		1992-93		1993-94	
	Raw Coal	Washed Coal	Raw Coal	Washed Coal	Raw Coal	Washed Coal
Dugda	34.5	22.0	34.5	23.2	34.6	20.50
Bhojudih	30.3	20.1	30.5	20.6	30.4	19.00
Patherdih	33.2	23.4	33.2	22.7	33.3	21.50
Sudamdih	31.07	19.5	32.0	20.1	32.78	19.00
Moonidih	33.87	19.1	32.45	19.0	32.96	18.00
Lodna	29.0	24.0	29.0	22.8	29.10	21.50
Barora	37.6	20.9	34.9	20.4	38.0	19.00
Mohuda	23.90	18.4	24.14	18.2	23.68	17.50
Kargali	31.0	20.1	32.5	20.7	33.6	18.25
Kathara	35.0	19.8	35.1	19.4	35.4	18.25
Swang	28.3	19.8	29.0	19.5	29.0	18.25
Gidi	30.8	21.6	30.7	20.2	31.5	18.25
Rajrappa	29.3	20.2	28.6	20.3	29.0	17.75
Nandan	23.13	18.2	24.30	19.2	24.87	17.50

Source : Coal Controller's Office and Coal Companies.

(e) Washed coal price is annually negotiated between coal companies and Steel Authority of India Limited. Some of the factors taken into account for fixing the price of washed coal are: notified price of raw coal, washing cost based on previous years actual including reasonable escalation; capacity utilisation, ash content in washed coal, 12 per cent return on 50 per cent net block, 14 per cent interest on balance 50 per cent of net block and freight and transport charges and other levies on raw coal on actuals.

Workers of Mahanadi Coalfield Ltd.

1792. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of workers engaged under the Mahanadi Coal Fields Ltd., coal mines-wise;

(b) the terms and conditions of the appointment and the rate at which wages are paid to them; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to protect their interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The number of workers (non-executives) engaged in Mahanadi Coalfield Ltd., Unit/Mine-wise as on 1.4.94 is at Statement. (*See* below).

(b) Appointments of workers are governed by the terms and conditions of